

**Table A16. Earned degrees conferred (assumptions)**

Variables	Assumptions	Alternative	Table
Associate's degrees			
Men	The number of associate's degrees awarded to men is a linear function of full- and part-time male undergraduate enrollment in 2-year institutions lagged 2 years. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	26
Women	The number of associate's degrees awarded to women is a linear function of full-time female undergraduate enrollment in 2-year institutions lagged 2 years. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	26
Bachelor's degrees			
Men	The number of bachelor's degrees awarded to men is a linear function of full-time male undergraduate enrollment in 4-year institutions lagged 2 years and the male 18- to 24-year-old population. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	27
Women	The number of bachelor's degrees awarded to women is a linear function of full-time female undergraduate enrollment in 4-year institutions lagged 3 years and the female 18- to 24-year-old population. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	27
Master's degrees			
Men	The number of master's degrees awarded to men is a linear function of full-time male graduate enrollment. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	28
Women	The number of master's degrees awarded to women is a linear function of full-time female graduate enrollment. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	28
Doctor's degrees			
Men	The number of doctor's degrees awarded to men is a linear function of full-time male graduate enrollment lagged one year and the unemployment rate. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	29
Women	The number of doctor's degrees awarded to women is a linear function of the 35- to 44-year-old population and full-time female graduate enrollment. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	29
First-professional degrees			
Men	The number of first-professional degrees awarded to men is a linear function of full-time male first-professional enrollment lagged 2 years. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	30
Women	The number of first-professional degrees awarded to women is a linear function of full-time female first-professional enrollment lagged 1 year and part-time female first-professional enrollment lagged 2 years. This relationship will continue through 2012-13.	Middle	30

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Earned Degrees Conferred Model.  
(This table was prepared July 2003.)